



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sabine Neiryck) PATENT
Serial No.: 09/498,046) Attorney Docket
Filing Date: February 4, 2000) VIB-103.0
For: NEW IMMUNOPROTECTIVE) (1769/97843)
INFLUENZA ANTIGEN AND) Group Art No.
ITS USE IN VACCINATION) 1648
Examiner: Stacy Brown Chen)

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Mail Stop: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A four-month extension of time in response to the
Advisory Action mailed January 31, 2006, in further reply to the
Final Action mailed July 21, 2005, and the Notice of Appeal
mailed January 23, 2006, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment;

2. RCE and Fee Sheet;

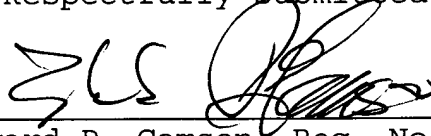
3. Check No. 101030 in the amount of \$795.00 for the
Four-month extension of time (a response to the Office Action
was due February 21, 2006); and

4. Check No. 101029 in the amount of \$395.00 for the RCE Fee.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary in addition to those that are enclosed. Should any fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

Respectfully submitted,

By

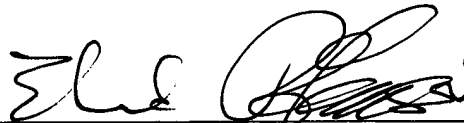


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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Petition for Four-Month Extension of Time and its fee, along with a Preliminary Amendment, RCE and its fee, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 21, 2006.



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